

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada

February 11, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 14, as introduced, Yamada. Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area.

This measure would designate the rest area in the Town of Dunnigan, California on Interstate 5 as the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Jose Antonio “Tony” Diaz was born in Jacona,
2 Mexico, on September 20, 1970, to Rafael and Carolina Diaz, and
3 grew up with his nine sisters and brothers in Dixon, California;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, During the summers of 1986 to 1989, he worked
6 tirelessly in the fields of farmers in Solano County; and
7 WHEREAS, After completing high school, Tony assisted
8 farmworkers as Assistant Program Services Manager with the
9 Human Development Corporation, and after transferring to the
10 corporate office, he developed a passion for computer technology;
11 and

1 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Yolo County Information Technology
2 (IT) Department hired Tony and assigned him to the Yolo County
3 Sheriff's Office; and

4 WHEREAS, While assigned to IT he became interested in law
5 enforcement and attended the Yuba College Police Academy in
6 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, The Yolo County Sheriff's Office hired Tony on
8 August 22, 2004, and his peers described him as a gentle,
9 hardworking man who was proud of his family and community;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Tony loved soccer so much he coached the
12 Woodland Flames and the Woodland Blaze teams for nine years
13 with the Woodland Soccer Club; and

14 WHEREAS, On June 15, 2008, Deputy Diaz attempted to stop
15 a known parolee suspected of driving under the influence with a
16 child in the vehicle; and

17 WHEREAS, After he failed to yield, Deputy Diaz pursued the
18 driver into the town of Dunnigan, where he stopped on County
19 Road 5 near County Road 99W. The suspect fled on foot and while
20 Deputy Diaz checked on the child in the vehicle, was shot from
21 behind; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Diaz succumbed to his injuries a few hours
23 later at Woodland Memorial Hospital; and

24 WHEREAS, Deputy Diaz's name was engraved into the National
25 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, and the
26 California Peace Officers Memorial at the State Capitol; and

27 WHEREAS, Deputy Diaz is survived by his wife Silvia and
28 three beautiful children: Angelica, Jessica, and Alejandra Diaz;
29 now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the rest
32 area in Dunnigan on Interstate 5 as the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo
33 County Sheriff's Office, Memorial Rest Area; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
36 with the signage requirements for the state highway system,
37 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
38 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
39 be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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